

some compensation should be made to them for quitting claim to the lands formerly granted to their tribe ; and had, under the sanction of the superintendent of indian affairs for the northern department, given a power of attorney to a certain Amos Ogden to dispose of the said lands for them, and to execute a release and acquittance therefor : that Robert Darnall and Sarah his wife, Henry Steele and Anne his wife, and John Henry and Dorothy his wife, (which said Sarah, Anne, and Dorothy were the co-heiresses of col. John Rider deceased) had by their petition set forth that certain tracts of land therein mentioned by the names of the Reserve, Handsell, and Bartholemew's close, lied within the boundaries of the tract granted to the said indians by the act of 1704 so long as they should occupy and live upon the same : that the said three tracts had become by purchase and devise the right of the said col. John Rider, and that the reversion was then in the petitioners, who therefore prayed that, as the said lands had theretefore been taken from their ancestors for the public account, the public money might (now) be applied to purchase a release of the indian claim to the same, for their use : that the said Amos Ogden had, in behalf the said indians, offered to take the sum of six hundred and sixty-six dollars and two thirds of a dollar for a release of right and full acquittal of claim of the said Nanticoke indians, as well to the aforesaid three tracts of land as to the three thousand acres lying on Broad Creek in Somerset county, granted them by the act of 1711 so long as they should occupy the same, which said three thousand acres having been paid for by the public were, when the said indians should cease to occupy them, to be disposed of as the general assembly should direct and appoint.

The prayer of this petition appearing reasonable, it was enacted that the aforesaid sum should be paid to the said Amos Ogden in full satisfaction for the claim of the Nanticoke indians to the beforementioned lands, and his receipt taken therefor, and that such payment should to all intents and purposes vest the aforesaid petitioners Robert Darnall and Sarah his wife, &c. with the same right of entry in, and claim to, the said three tracts of land, called the Reserve, Handsell, and Bartholomew's close, as if the said indians had totally deserted and quitted claim to the same. In regard to the three thousand acres of land on Broad Creek three commissioners, named in the act, were appointed to make sale thereof, by way of vendue, to execute conveyances, and to deliver over the bonds or money received on the said sale to the treasurer of the eastern shore, for the use of the province, after which they were to be fully discharged of their trust, and no longer answerable therefor.